

## **Interim Policy Statement**

### **Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners' Advisory Committee for Acupuncture**

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#### **Out of Practice Policy**

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The Board of Medical Examiners' Advisory Committee for Acupuncture recognizes that an individual may leave the practice of acupuncture voluntarily or involuntarily. Acupuncturists may do so with the intent to return to practice at a later date or may intend to retire after a long career. Whatever the cause of their departure, acupuncturists who have left practice and later choose to return to acupuncture, must be prepared to demonstrate that they have maintained their skills and knowledge, and that they may safely and effectively resume providing care.

For persons whom have been out of practice for two (2) years or more shall:

- (a) Submit proof of completion of fifteen (15) NCCAOM approved continuing education hours per year out of practice beyond the two (2) year grace period.
- (b) Appear before the Committee, if requested, to better determine which practice areas an individual should focus on when completing the required continuing education hours.

Adopted by the Advisory Committee for Acupuncture on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

Adopted by the Board of Medical Examiners on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.